

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

This application is the US national phase of international application
PCT/JP2004/005047 filed **7 April 2004**, which designated the U.S. and claims priority to
JP 2003-105431 filed **9 April 2003**, the entire contents of each of which are hereby
incorporated by reference.

*Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 8, line 28, and continuing to page
9, line 7, as follows:*

FIGS. 3A, 3B and 3C show states in which various sheets are discharged to a
discharge space, with FIG. 3A showing a state in which sheets that have a discharge
direction length shorter than the length of the paper placement surface have been
discharged to the discharge space, FIG. 3B showing a state in which sheets that have a
discharge direction length slightly longer than the length of the paper placement surface
have been discharged to the discharge space, and FIG. 3C showing a state in which
sheets, which have a discharge direction length longer than the length of the paper
placement surface and have a maximum discharge direction length, have been discharged
to the discharge space.

FIG. 4a and Fig. 4b are is an outline configurations showing the side wall member
and a drive mechanism thereof in a modified example.